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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE FOR SPANISH LABOR/WEST EUROPEAN
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VALLETTA FOR EUR/WE DIRECTOR ROWELL

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ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS,
DATED JANUARY 24:

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YOU WILL ALSO RECALL THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SIX OF OUR KEY AMBASSADORS IN EUROPE (REGARDING THE US INFORMATION AND CULTURAL EFFORT IN EUROPE). WOULD YOU PLEASE ALSO PREPARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THEIR VIEWS -- FOR SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AND ITALY -- AND STEPS THAT COULD BE TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THEM, INCLUDING (IF NEED BE) THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION REQUESTS.

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